



News from 10,000 Feet!

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Brian Head Town News

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Brian Head Town Manager

Town Manager's Message

School is coming to an end and so is the snow after another great winter so it's time to start thinking about your summer plans. Living and staying on the mountain provides a wealth of activities and experiences that can't be had anywhere else.

Over the past few weeks we've had turkeys roaming through our yard and the rock chucks are climbing out of their burrows and warming up in the sun. I passed one sitting on the concrete road barrier last week as he was getting a sun tan.

Stop by and watch the new well being drilled in the meadow above Town Hall. This will increase the water pumping capacity and redundancy of the system as the demand grows. We also learned an interesting fact about the drilling rig from the contractor - it is the twin sister rig to the one used to drill down and rescue the 33 trapped miners in Chile in 2010. Depending on the depth of the water, this well could be over 1,200 feet deep.

Plans are progressing on the proposed new public safety building to be built on the same site as the current building. An amazing 2.5% interest loan from the State Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, along with project savings, will reduce the annual payments to 1/3 of the original estimate. Keep an eye on the site near the Town Park to see the progress.

Come enjoy the summer with us!

Brian Head's First Annual Arbor Day Celebration

Brian Head Town was scheduled to celebrate its first annual Arbor Day on Saturday, May 28, 2011 but, due to the fact we had 3 feet of snow still on the ground, our Arbor Day celebration has been moved to June 14, 2011 (yes, we are probably still pushing it to hope that spring will be here by then)! Since we are located in such a high elevation, we need to celebrate Arbor Day later in the year than everyone else – this year, we may end up celebrating Arbor Day and the Fourth of July all on the same day.

The Brian Head Tree Commission applied for, and received, a grant of \$600 to be used towards planting some trees. Yes, we have an abundance of trees in Brian Head already but we need some shade at the Park. If you are interested in joining us for this historic event, we are planning to meet at the Brian Head Park Pavilion area after Town Council meeting on June 14th to plant 3 new Common Hackberry trees. We're hoping to make this an annual event. Our goal is to become a Tree City USA Town. Everyone is invited!

Town Tidbits

- Brian Head Town will be having its annual spring/summer clean-up on Thursday, June 30, 2011. For those wishing to help, please come to the Town Hall at 8:30 am to pick up trash bags and area assignments. Afterwards, all participants are invited to a town barbecue at the Town Hall at 12:00 noon. Food will be provided by Brian Head Town.
- Reminder - Please submit your recipes to skypiebh@gmail.com for the "Pie From the Sky" community cookbook. We still need more recipes. The cookbook will be sold at the annual pancake breakfast on the 4th of July (either this year or next, depending on the response and amount of recipes received). Proceeds from the cookbook sales will benefit the volunteer fire department. Please call Julie Saemisch at (435) 770-6080 for more information.
- Please help us get our newsletter going. This is history in the making! We welcome any announcements from residents such as new baby births, milestone birthdays, wedding announcements, etc. This will be a good way to keep up with Brian Head history and, several years from now, it will be fun to see what was happening in Brian Head in 2011! Submit news to cajohnson@bhtown.utah.gov. or aerogers@bhtown.utah.gov.

Introducing . . . Brian Head Town's Public Works Department



From left to right: Rob Dalley, Wendy Dowland, Tom Stratton, Tom Gurr, Kim Hunter, Chris Leigh (May 24, 2011)

Brian Head Town has a fun and efficient Public Works crew. This department consists of Tom Stratton, the Public Works Director; Wendy Dowland, Public Works Administrative Assistant; and Rob Dalley, Tom Gurr, Kim Hunter, and Chris Leigh, the Public Works Technicians. We also have a temporary seasonal parks crew in the summer months that assist the Public Works Department.

Our Public Works crew is responsible for maintaining the roads in Town - this includes plowing the roads in the winter (which lasts about 7 months of the 12 months per year). As you can imagine, they are all experts at snow plowing. They also take care of water and sewer issues (which involves reading meters and digging trenches when new lines are installed or when existing lines need to be repaired). They manage garbage and recycling services for the Town too.

Tom Stratton has been with Brian Head Town since December 2006. He came to Brian Head with a wealth of experience. Immediately prior to coming to Brian Head, Tom was the Executive Director for the Alaska Rural Water Association. Prior to that, Tom spent over 20 years in West Wendover, Nevada. While in Wendover, Tom served as the Public Works Director and Building Official. He was involved in writing and obtaining grants, overseeing maintenance of the streets, putting together a complete solid waste system, and overseeing the water system (including a waste water facility that watered a golf course and distributed water to a compost plant).

Brian Head Town was awarded a USDA loan/grant in November 2009. This loan/grant has been used for water improvements in the Town. Tom Stratton applied for the grant, has worked closely with the Town Engineers, and has overseen all water projects involved with the loan/grant. To

date, Brian Head has built a new 1,000,000 gallon water tank and pump house. We are currently drilling a well.

Brian Head Town has been setting up and using a SCADA system to help run the Town. SCADA stands for "supervisory control and data acquisition." The Public Works employees can run infrastructure procedures for the water and sewer systems and be notified of any problems with the infrastructure, from a computer.

Wendy Dowland has been with Brian Head Town since August 2008. She is a fun person to be around and gets along well with all departments. She is also very efficient as the Administrative Assistant. Some of her duties include entering water meter readings; mailing out utility bills; completing work orders, preparing invoices to be paid; setting up training for the Public Works crew; and serving as Brian Head's Planning Commission Secretary.

Chris Leigh has been working for Brian Head for the past 8 ½ years. He is a hard worker and is very knowledgeable in his field. Tom Stratton depends on his experience of how things have worked in the past. Tom Gurr has worked for Brian Head Town on and off for several years. He is also knowledgeable about Brian Head Town's sewer, water, and street history. Rob Dalley has worked for Brian Head Town for 5 years. Like the rest of the crew, he is very dependable in his job. Kim Hunter has been with Brian Head Town for 3 years. He gets along well with the crew and is willing to help with anything he is asked to do. Both Rob Dalley and Chris Leigh are also members of Brian Head Town's volunteer fire department. Brian Head has a well-rounded crew – they each bring a different perspective to the job!

The Public Works crew has several sewer and water certifications. They attend road school and Utah Rural Water training each year. We feel we have a good Public Works Department and want to thank them for their service to our Town. We appreciate all you do to help make our Town run smoothly!



Tom Gurr – helping to install the water line on Fir Street October 2003

Brian Head Events – June, July & August, 2011

(contact the Brian Head Chamber of Commerce at 888-677-2810 for more information on events)

June 4, 2011 – Utah's Free Fishing Day (enjoy the wonderful fishing in all lakes and streams surrounding Brian Head)

June 11, 2011 – Patchwork Parkway 143 Celebration (starts at the Old Rock Church in Parowan , then drive to Brian Head and stop in at the Visitor's Center to learn more about the history of Brian Head)

June 25, 2011 – Outdoor Movie Night (9 pm at Brian Head Town Hall – 56 North Hwy 143 - free to the public – bring your blankets and lawn chairs – concessions will be sold)

July 2, 2011 – 17th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival (location – Brian Head Town Mall - Village Way - lots of crafty vendors and good food – July 2, 3 & 4 from 9 am to 6 pm)

July 4, 2011 – Brian Head Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast (this annual fundraiser will be held at Giant Steps Lodge from 7 to 10:30 am)

July 4, 2011 – Red, White and Blue Concerts and Fireworks (concerts start at 2 pm at the Town Park and continue until the fireworks display at 10:00 pm – come enjoy the music, bonfire and s'mores)

July 15 & 16, 2011 – 14th Annual Thunder on the Mountain (this event features a BBQ, Poker Run, and Motorcycle Touring Ride – call 702-595-5711 for more information)

July 23, 2011 – Outdoor Movie Night (9 pm at Cedar Breaks Lodge – 223 Hunter Ridge Road - free to the public – bring your blankets and lawn chairs – concessions will be sold)

August 13, 2011 – Festival of Flavors & Brew Fest (location – Grand Lodge & Cedar Breaks Lodge - our 1st ever Brewfest and Wine Tasting – kegs are tapped, bottles corked, food served and live bands start jamming at 12 noon and go until 7 pm – the party then moves inside to the Lift Bar & Patio and Cedar Breaks Bar & Grill)

August 13, 2011 – 3rd Annual 5K ULLR Run (starts at 11 am at the Giant Steps Lodge – challenge yourself by running at 9,600 feet elevation – all proceeds go to the Ski Team Scholarships fund)

August 20, 2011 - Outdoor Movie Night (9 pm at Cedar Breaks Lodge – 223 Hunter Ridge Road - free to the public – bring your blankets and lawn chairs – concessions will be sold)

August 27, 2011 – Town Bonfire and S'mores (free to the public – come enjoy the huge bonfire, hot cocoa and s'mores at 8 pm at the Town Fire Station)



Note: The Brian Head Chamber of Commerce sponsors several Bonfires and S'mores events and Outdoor Movie Nights throughout the year. These events are free to the public. If you have never attended one of these events, you are missing out! There is nothing like gathering around a bonfire while enjoying s'mores and hot cocoa on a cold winter (or even spring, summer, or fall) night. The stars are beautiful and the bonfire is warm. For those of you that have had the opportunity to attend a drive-in movie, you can relate to watching a movie on a big outdoor screen. The outdoor movie night brings back those fun memories. You also get a chance to enjoy the beautiful outdoors in Brian Head, snuggling up with your friends and family, while enjoying an entertaining movie. So, after a long day of hiking, skiing, or other recreating in Brian Head, come and relax in the evenings – this will contribute to your magical Brian Head experience!

Interesting Facts About Brian Head Town

(from information compiled from the Brian Head Chamber of Commerce 2011 Visitors' Guide & Brian Head Town's historical documents on file at Brian Head Town)

Where did Brian Head get its name? Early pioneers knew the Brian Head area as "Monument Peak." Sometime in the early part of the 20th Century, the name was changed to Bryan Head. Later, the spelling was changed to Brian Head. No records were kept as to how the Town got its name, however, some speculations are 1) renowned explorer, John Wesley Powell named the peak after an officer named Bryan who worked in the US Geological Survey headquarters; 2) it was named by the residents of Parowan circa 1890 in honor of American politician William Jennings Bryan; or 3) a United States government official's wife did not like the name Monument Peak and wrote letters to the United States Government recommending the name be changed to Bryan Head.

When was Brian Head established? Brian Head Town was officially incorporated in March 1975, however, in 1964 local resident, Burt Nichols, with ideas and support from others, opened the Brian Head Resort, which had one chairlift, a T-bar, and a warming house. Among others, two historical people that also helped to promote Brian Head were Homer Vasels, from California, and Georg Hartlmaier, from Germany.

Beginning Industries – Farmers, ranchers and loggers were the first to make their living in Brian Head. There were also many sawmills in Brian Head throughout the years. There was a section of town, known as "Little Ireland," run by the Lyman family, which became widely famous for the butter and cheese it produced. And . . . anyone associated with Brian Head has heard about "Minnie's Mansion." Early on, Minnie Adams Burton established a hotel, restaurant, and dance hall known as Minnie's Mansion. Every 24th of July, sheep and cattle herders and others in the district joined the townspeople in Brian Head to commemorate Utah's statehood. Minnie's was the focal point - celebrating with horse races, potato sack

rides, dancing, fireworks, and a good meal. In 1978, even though the hotel, restaurant, and dance hall were gone, a new tradition started in conjunction with the Iron County Fair, which was held each year the week before and on Labor Day weekend. This event was known by Brian Head residents as Minnie's Mansion Days. It started as a fundraising event for Brian Head's volunteer fire department and Parowan City's Little Salt Lake Medical Clinic. All Iron County residents, young and old, were invited to come to Brian Head to relive and reminisce the legacy of Minnie's Mansion.

Brian Head Town Mayors - Did you Know Brian Head has only had four (4) Mayors since its incorporation in 1975? They were: Rex Emenegger (1975–1984); Mike Golden (1985-1988), Steve Griffin (1994-1997), and HC Deutschlander (1988-1994/1998-current). Mayor Deutschlander has also served on the Town Council for several years in between his terms as Mayor.

Other interesting facts:

- Brian Head's Town Marshal serves as both the Police Chief and Fire Marshal.
- The average annual snow fall in Brian Head is 400 inches.
- Brian Head is known as the "Highest Little Resort Town" in North America. The very top of Brian Head Peak is at an elevation of 11,307 feet and you can see three states from the peak – Utah, Arizona and Nevada.



Brian Head Town employee, Alice Rogers, showing how deep the snow is in Brian Head – picture taken May 27, 2011

**"Life is either a
daring adventure or
nothing."**

-Helen Keller

From the Public Works Department*(by Tom Stratton, Public Works Director)***New Pump House Located by the Mammoth Water Tank**

Above is the new pump house that was recently constructed to go along with the new Mammoth water tank. This pump house is state of the art with the most updated pumps, motors, and electronics, and the ability to operate remotely from anywhere when needed. This pump station is equipped with diesel generator back up and remains operational during power outages. One of the primary functions of this new tank and pump house is to assist in providing fire protection for the whole town as well as being a reliable water source for the south end of Brian Head. One of the unique features of this new pump station is our ability to provide water from Mammoth Springs to the snow making pond or pump water to

any of the other water tanks - where ever it may be needed.

A lot of people have asked me what is the large piece of equipment (*see picture below*) located just above Town Hall on Village Way. Well it is a drilling rig owned by Grimshaw Drilling out of Cedar City (Enoch) Utah and, no, we are not trying to supplement the Town budget by drilling for oil. Not a bad idea considering the cost of gas these days. I am told that this drilling rig is a twin to the one used in Chile to rescue the trapped miners (in 2010).

With the help of USDA Rural Development, Brian Head Town is drilling a new water well. This well will be a back up for the Town's other well which is located at the park in that large concrete bunker looking building (behind the restrooms). This new well will allow us to take the old well off line for maintenance and will provide back up if the old well ever goes down.

This new well will be drilled to 1,500 feet in depth and we are hoping to be able to produce 1,000 gallons of water per minute.

Along with the new well, a new 8" water line will be constructed from the well up to the existing water tank as well as a new pump house that will look like an old saw mill with a water wheel. This will be a very nice addition to the scenery of Brian Head and reflect back a little on our history.

If anyone would like further information on either of these projects or see pictures of what they will look like at their completion, please feel free to stop in at the Public Works office here in Town Hall.

**Drilling rig, owned by Grimshaw Drilling, drilling a new water well for Brian Head Town – May 23, 2011**

Brian Head Fire Department: Homeowner's Fire Regulations

(by Betty Phelan)

Brian Head is a beautiful alpine destination that draws many visitors over the summer months. We know that many people like to have a campfire in the evening to enjoy the outdoors. Just follow these simple rules and we can all have a fun time outdoors and still be safe:

Campfires at your place of residence are fine as long there are no burn restrictions in effect for Southern Utah.

If you are planning to burn slash from your property, a Burn Permit is required. These can be purchased at the Town Hall for \$10. The Fire Department will come by and check air quality and safety.

Building materials and trash cannot be burned on your property in Brian Head. These materials must be removed and taken to the dump. Parowan is the nearest site to take these items.

If you are doing tree mitigation on your property, bring the trees to the road in front of your property and face the butt ends in one direction (for ease of putting in the chipper). Public Safety will come and use the chipper to remove them before next winter. Call dispatch at 435-677-2043 and they will arrange for Public Safety to bring the chipper to your property.

If the tree mitigation is too large for you to take down to the road, pile the trees in open areas on your property and Public Safety will come to your property and burn them. Call the Brian Head Town Offices at (435) 677-2029 Monday through Friday (between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.) or Dispatch at (435) 677-2043 after hours on weekdays and on Saturdays & Sundays to make the arrangements.

Anytime you are having a fire on your property, have running water nearby as a safety precaution. Know the wind direction and make certain you are not causing problems with blowing smoke or embers to adjoining properties.

In case of an emergency, call 911.

If you are interested in giving away your extra wood, instead of burning it, please call the Town Office. We always have people call to see where they can get wood.

The Town sponsors bonfires throughout the summer months in front of the Fire House. Announcements will be posted around town for the dates and times. These are always fun with hot chocolate and s'mores provided. The town bonfires are a great opportunity to meet other Brian Head residents and visitors.



Wildflowers in Bloom (by Alpine Pond)

The Flowers at Brian Head

Brian Head and Cedar Breaks are beautiful year round – winter, spring, summer and fall. In the summer, the wildflowers are in full bloom with an array of many colors. Following is a list of wildflowers that grow in our high altitude: Colorado Columbine, Little Sunflowers, Scarlet Paintbrush, Silver Lupine, Rydberg's Penstemon, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Blue Flax, Queen Anne's Lace, Meadow Groundsel, Oregon Fleabane, Monkey Flower, Elk Weed, Prairie Smoke, Buttercup, Subalpine Larkspur, Common Penstemon, and Firecracker Penstemon. These are just a few of the noted species up here on our beautiful mountain. Nature takes good care of us, however, if you get the urge to plant more flowers on your property, try those on this list. What a wonderful way to spend the day – hiking or biking on our many trails and enjoying the beautiful flowers. Just remember to bring your camera!

There are several web-sites on the Internet for wildflowers. A good one to check out is <http://www.highcountrygardens.com>. The phone number is 1-800-925-9387.

Filing Deadlines for Council Seats

Two 4-year term Town Council positions are up for election this year in Brian Head. The filing timeline is from July 1 through July 15, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm each week-day. If you are interested in running for a Town Council member position, please file in the Office of the Town Clerk/Recorder at 56 North Highway 143, Brian Head, Utah.

Qualifications: You must be a United States citizen at the time of filing; you must be a registered voter of the municipality; you must be a resident of the municipality or a resident of the recently annexed area for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election; and you can't file if you are a convicted felon, unless the right to hold elective office has been restored. The Council term will be from January 2012 to December 31, 2015. Read more about the Town Council election in the September 2011 newsletter!



Old Sorrel, sculpted by Jerry Anderson, located on SUU Campus

Brian Head's Connection with the Creation of Southern Utah University

(by Betty Phelan)

Most people don't realize that Brian Head was instrumental in the creation of Southern Utah University.

In the Spring of 1897, the Utah Legislature authorized a branch of the state's teacher training school to be located in Southern Utah. Cedar City was chosen as the location for the new school. A new Ward Hall was built and was initially used for the school and opened its doors in September 1897. After two months of lessons, the Attorney General announced that the Ward Hall could not be used for the state sponsored school and that land and buildings needed to be erected and deeded to the state specifically for a school. In addition, the Attorney General gave a deadline of September 1898 for the school building to be complete. Otherwise the concept of a school in Cedar City would be lost.

Even though it was already November and winter had set in, the townspeople of Cedar City were determined to get the school built. There was a shortage of building materials in Cedar City so the townspeople decided to trek up to Brian Head to get the necessary wood to build the new school building.

It was January 1898 when the men set off to get the wood. They waded through shoulder deep snow to cut down the logs and take them to the saw mills that were located in Brian Head. Wagons wouldn't go through the deep snow so horse-drawn sleighs were used to get the milled lumber off the mountain back to Cedar City. The trail back down the mountain with the lumber was nearly impossible. The snow was too deep for the men to break trail so they depended on the horse "Old Sorrel" to break trail and pull the sleigh full of lumber off the mountain.

Thanks to the men's determination and the strength of Old Sorrel, the first building of what is now Southern Utah University was completed in time for the September 1898 school year. The original building had a chapel for religious programs and assemblies, library, natural history museum, laboratories, classrooms, and offices.

Even though the original building was destroyed by fire, a replica has been built on the SUU campus and is still used for classes.

Electronic Recycling Event – July 16, 2011*(by Nickie Heying – Virgin Valley Recycling)*

Wondering what to do with your old computer or electronic gadgets? Pure Recycling is providing Cedar City and surrounding area residents with an opportunity to recycle their old electronics on July 16, 2011 by hosting Virgin Valley Recycling. Cedar City Pure Recycling is a local processing plant for recyclable paper, plastic, cardboard and glass with customized programs to fit many commercial, business and residential needs in Iron County.

This collection event will give citizens the chance to dispose of their old electronics in an environmentally responsible manner. Electronics take up valuable space in a landfill, as well as contain components that can be harmful to the environment when they break down in the landfill.

This collection event will be held on Saturday, July 16th from 9 am to 3 pm. The collection will be held at Pure Recycling located at 1342 W Industrial Road, Cedar City, UT. Pure Recycling will partner with Virgin Valley Recycling for the collection.

There will be a \$10 tax deductible charge for CRT monitors. All other electronic items will be accepted for free. Only plasma and LCD flat screen televisions will be accepted. No large appliances are accepted at this collection. All items will be processed at Virgin Valley Recycling facility in Hurricane.

To learn more about Pure Recycling call (435) 704-4863 and for more information about Virgin Valley Recycling visit www.virginvalleyrecycling.com or call (435) 705-8827.

**Brian Head Town Library**

Did you know Brian Head Town has a Library? Although it is not an official State Library, there are several books to choose from. Located in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 56 North Hwy143, are mysteries, biographies, romance novels, and an abundant variety of other good books.

For his scouting Eagle project, local resident, Spencer Haderlie, started this Library a couple of years ago. Several residents and others donated the books. Sometimes after a long day of skiing (or hiking), it is relaxing to snuggle up by the fireplace in the winter or sit outside in the summer in the crisp mountain air and get immersed in a good book.

It's easy to check out and return the books. Come and see the growing selection!



From left to right – Austin Dalley, Ryan Robinson, Ryan Gurr, Jesse English, Konai Bloomfield

Seasonal Summer Crew

During the months of June, July & August, Brian Head Town hires a seasonal summer crew to help the different departments with summer projects. The summer crew is responsible to help remove downed trees, help the Public Safety Department with its fire mitigation project along the Highway, build and maintain trails, maintain signs, and keep park and park restrooms clean, among many other duties.

Members of the summer crew this year are: Konai Bloomfield, Austin Dalley, Jesse English, Ryan Gurr, and Ryan Robinson. Austin Dalley, and Ryan Gurr worked last summer too! Austin is a member of the Utah National Guard's 222 Unit. He will be leaving for boot camp in just a couple of weeks! We welcome our summer crew and know they will complete many projects and accomplish a lot of hard work in the short time they are employed by Brian Head Town.

Speaking of downed trees, Brian Head Town had a very windy day on June 6, 2011. There were a few trees around town that blew down. In the picture below, the Brian Head Town Manager's vehicle was smashed by a tree during the windstorm.



Brian Head Town Manager's Vehicle – June 6, 2011